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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                               | 10/705,635             | CABRERA ET AL.      |  |
|                               | Examiner               | Art Unit            |  |
|                               | GEORGE L. OPIE         | 2194                |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 10/26/05.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



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### **Examiner's Amendment**

An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with David D. Wier (Reg. No. 48,229) on 10 November 2005.

**The abstract has been replaced as specified by Applicant in the attached e-mail Amendment submitted 10 November 2005.,**

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at **(571) 272-2100**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Opie at 571-272-3766 or via e-mail at [George.Opie@uspto.gov](mailto:George.Opie@uspto.gov). Internet e-mail should not be used where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the Applicant. Sensitive data includes confidential information related to patent applications.



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PATENT

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| Applicant:  | Cabrera, et al.              | Examiner:       | <del>Lao, Sue X</del> George L. Opie |
| Serial No.: | 10/705,635                   | Group Art Unit: | 2194                                 |
| Filed:      | November 10, 2003            | Docket No.:     | MS113604.2/40062.132USC1             |
| Title:      | LOGICAL VOLUME MOUNT MANAGER |                 |                                      |

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

George Opie  
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Dear Mr. Opie,

Pursuant to our discussions earlier today, please consider this transmittal authorization to replace the Abstract in the above-identified patent application with the following:

A mount manager and supporting data structures enable automatic identification and re-establishment of logical volumes on non-removable storage devices in a computer system across multiple reboots and reconfigurations. The mount manager generates a redirected name for a new logical volume when a unique volume identifier is presented to the mount manager by the operating system. The mount manager stores the unique volume identifier and the associated redirected name in a persistent mount manager data structure. The mount manager establishes a symbolic link between the persistent redirected name and a non-persistent device name used by the operating system. During the boot process, the mount manager uses the data structure entries identified by the unique volume identifiers of the arriving logical volumes to reconstruct the symbolic links so that references to the redirected name will resolve to the correct non-persistent device name.

Date: November 10, 2005

By: /s/ David D. Wier, Reg. No. 48,229